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**CONTINUATION-IN-PART (CIP)
PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Re: CONTINUATION-IN-PART (CIP) PATENT APPLICATION
Inventors: Ajay Kumar; Padmapani C. Nallan; Jeffrey D. Chinn
Title: METHOD OF ETCHING SILICON NITRIDE
Attorney Docket No.: AM-2772.P1

Transmitted herewith is the patent application identified above, including:

- Title Page, totaling 1 page.
- Specification, 16 pages; claims, 13 pages; and abstract, 1 page.
- Drawings totaling 3 pages, X Formal Informal.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted).
- Assignment of the invention to Applied Materials, Inc.
- Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449, and reference copies.
- Applicants hereby claim the benefit of priority under 35 USC § 120 for subject matter which is common to the present invention and which was previously disclosed in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/291,682, filed April 13, 1999.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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FEE CALCULATION

The fees due for filing the Application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.16 and for recording of the Assignment, if any, are determined as follows:

Fee Items	Claims Filed	Included With Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	87	- 20 =	67	X \$18.00	\$1,206.00
Independent Claims	8	- 3 =	5	X \$80.00	\$400.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				\$ 270.00	\$00.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$710.00	\$710.00
TOTAL FEES					\$2,316.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$2,316.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, CA.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, CA. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

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